

PATENT APPLICATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Serial No. ~~09/939,482~~ **393,482** Group Art Unit No. 3627  
Filing Date: September 9, 1999 Examiner: D. Arola  
Inventor: Jerry H. Chisnell  
Title: Use of a Single or Multiple Ring Strategically Placed in a Hose  
Coupling to Reinforce Material Against Collapse

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Request for One Month Extension

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

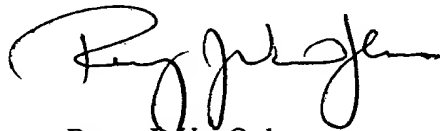
Sir:

The undersigned attorney respectfully requests a one month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action of October 5, 2000. If granted, a response will be due on February 5, 2001.

A check in the amount of the requisite fee, \$110.00, is enclosed, as well as a duplicate copy of this request and a self-addressed return envelope to facilitate the prompt reply to this request, and a favorable decision is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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& VANOPHEM, P.C.



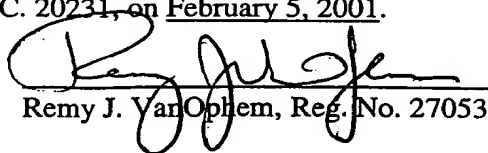
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Date: February 5, 2001



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